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DAILY EXPRESS OF FEBRUARY 28 CARRIES FOLLOWING EDITORIAL ON SEA SIAM VII COMBINED NAVAL EXERCISE: QUOTE. AN INCIDENT IN SUBIC BAY A FEW DAYS AGO, IN WHICH SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, AND THAI WARSHIPS TAKING PART IN A US-CALLED NAVAL EXERCISE WITHIN PHILIPPINE WATERS WERE DENIED THE USE OF THE BASE FACILITIES BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, UNWITTINGLY BRINGS TO LIGHT THE AMERICAN'S ALMOST LACKADAISICAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS OUR EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE IRRITANTS IN THE BASES TREATY.

THE REASON FOR THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S DENIAL WAS THE FAILURE OF THE THREE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN PRIOR CONSENT FOR THE USE OF THE BASES FROM
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THE HOST COUNTRY, US DELINQUENCY IN NOT INFORMING MANILA ABOUT THE ONGOING NAVAL EXERCISES WITHIN PHILIPPINE WATERS, AND FAILING TO ASK PERMISSION FOR THE OTHER PARTICIPATING VESSELS TO USE THE BASE.

A SIMPLE CASE OF CARELESSNESS? THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO BUY, IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A CASE OF THE

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PATRONIZING ATTITUDE THAT SOME US OFFICIALS HAVE TOWARDS
OUR SOVERIGNTY. TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, SOME
OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTED POLITICAL REASONS FOR THE DENIAL--PARTI-
CULARLY THE COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH VIETNAM.
THAT'S EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO BUY. AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION
IS CLEARLY DEMANDED. END QUOTE.
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